



University Club of Rockford

December 2023 Syllabus

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Condoléances

The University Club of Rockford extends its condolences to the family and friends of **Marge Elliot and Gail Francik.**

Friends of Friends – ALL DECEMBER LONG!!!!

Join us for a special month of friends and fun. The holidays are the perfect time to invite them and show off your club!

If your friends join the Club, their initiation fee will be waived and you will receive a \$50 gift certificate* to use any time. It's a **WIN-WIN-WIN!**

Your friend joins for free, you get \$50, and best of all, you and your friend will enjoy membership together! Remember, **they MUST join in December.**

Tell your friends

*Membership incentive for this event is in lieu of the ongoing membership promotion.

Wine Not Join Us On Monday Nights?!?



Half-Price Bottles of House Wine!!!

Enjoy Cabernet, Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Red Blend, or Rose!!!!

Did you know on **Thursday Nights** Kids and Grandkids eat **FREE** off the Kids Menu with a Entrée Purchased!!!!

**KIDS EAT
FREE!**

Saturday, December 2nd – Post Nutcracker Dinner

Join us for dinner from 5PM-7PM. after the Nutcracker. The beloved ballet returns to the Coronado Performing Arts Center as the Rockford Dance Company performs this holiday classic with professional lead dancers. The music of Tchaikovsky is performed by the Rockford Symphony Orchestra. The club will close at 8PM. Reservations Appreciated.



Monday December 11th & Tuesday, December 12th – Kids Christmas Parties with Santa



Santa Claus is coming to the U Club for our annual Children's Christmas Party! Please join us for holiday carols, as well as an adult- and child-friendly buffet on Monday, December 11, and Tuesday, December 12, beginning at 5:30PM. Santa will make his appearance at 7PM. The cost is \$23.95 for adults and children 4 and older; \$18.95 for children under 4. Children 12 and under will receive a gift straight from Santa. Reservations are required; please specify age and gender of each child in your party to guarantee.

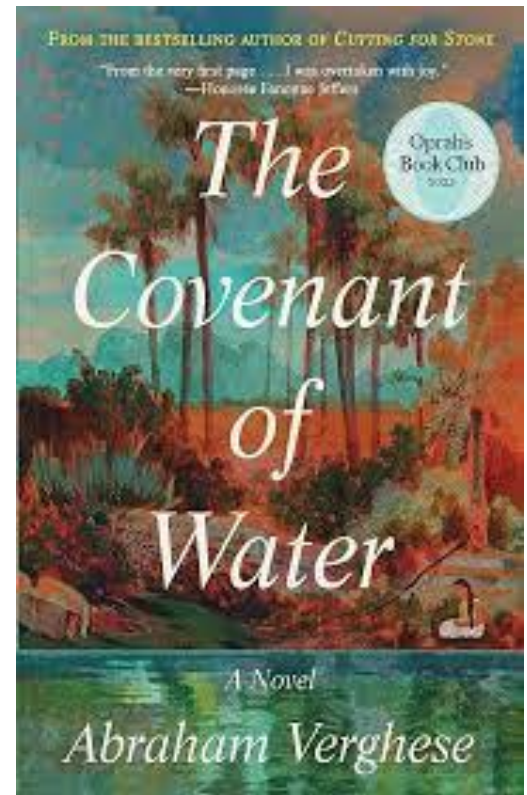
Tuesday, December 12th – Book Club Holiday Lunch – No Book This Month

Join us each month for our Lunchtime Book Club with **Barb McDonald**, all are welcome. This month they will be meeting on Tuesday, December 12th at noon for a **Holiday Lunch**. The Book Club agreed to wait until January 9th to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese due to the length of the book and the holidays.

The Covenant of Water is the long-awaited new novel by Abraham Verghese, the author of the major word-of-mouth bestseller *Cutting for Stone*, which has sold over 1.5 million copies in the United States alone and remained on the *New York Times* bestseller list for over two years.

Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, *The Covenant of Water* is set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning—and in Kerala, water is everywhere. At the turn of the century, a twelve-year-old girl from Kerala's long-existing Christian community, grieving the death of her father, is sent by boat to her wedding, where she will meet her forty-year-old husband for the first time. From this unforgettable new beginning, the young girl—and future matriarch, known as Big Ammachi—will witness unthinkable changes over the span of her extraordinary life, full of joy and triumph as well as hardship and loss, her faith and love the only constants.

A shimmering evocation of a bygone India and of the passage of time itself, *The Covenant of Water* is a hymn to progress in medicine and to human understanding, and a humbling testament to the difficulties undergone by past generations for the sake of those alive today. It is one of the most masterful literary novels published in recent years.



Wednesday, December 13th - Christmas Carryout Orders Due



Deadlines for Holiday Carryout Orders Let us cook while you enjoy entertaining family and friends during the holidays. Whether you need the whole meal or just homemade gravy, we have you covered. Order forms are available at the Club and on the website at www.uclubrockford.com. Contact Pat or Kelly with questions or to place your order. Christmas orders must be received by Wednesday, December 13, at noon, with pickup on December 22, between 11AM –2PM. The deadline for New Year's Eve orders is Wednesday, December 20, at noon, with pickup on December 29 between 11AM-2PM. Items come fully cooked with reheating instructions.

Saturday, December 16th – RSO Holiday Pops

Please join us for dinner on the 2nd Floor from 5PM–7PM. before going to the historic Coronado Theatre for the Rockford Symphony Orchestra's annual "Holiday Pops." A limited version of our dinner menu will be featured. Reservations are appreciated. The club will close at 8PM.



Sunday, December 17th – Holiday Made To Order Brunch



A festive way to start your Christmas week is our Holiday Made To Order Brunch Menu from 11AM – 1PM. Enjoy your favorite holiday selections on our Made To Order Brunch Menu. Add bottomless Champagne and mimosas to your brunch, it's just \$8 more. Reservations required, so please make them in advance.

Thursday, December 21st – Two for \$39.95 Dinner



A great and affordable way to treat your friends and potential new members to the club. Enjoy a salad or soup with choice of entrée. Dinner comes with a choice of house wine (cabernet, chardonnay, pinot grigio, red blend, or rose). Upgrade your wine, \$20 off bottle price listed. Upgrade to 6oz. Filet \$15 Each

Entrée Choices:

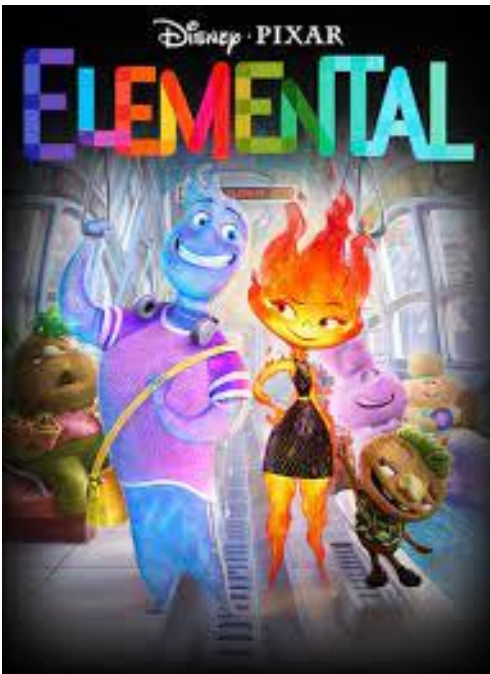
Herb Roasted Baked Chicken- Half bone in chicken marinated with herbs and spices, served with garlic chive mashed, veg du jour, and herb velouté sauce.

Parmesan Crusted Cod- Cod loin smothered with garlic cream sauce, and herb breadcrumbs, served with wild rice pilaf, and veg du jour.

Stuffed Pepper- Green pepper stuffed with, prime angus ground beef, rice, garlic, herbs, onion, and braised in a rich tomato sauce and served with garlic chive mashed.

Eggplant Parmesan- Parmesan, panko breaded eggplant, fried and layered with ricotta cheese, parmesan, mozzarella, marinara then baked and served with garlic bread and pasta.

Thursday, December 28th – Movie Day - Elemental



Join us this month on Thursday, December 28th for Lunch and a Movie, along with Dinner and a Movie. This month we will be playing Disney and Pixar's **Elemental**, an all-new, original feature film set in Element City, where fire, water, land, and air residents live together. The story introduces Ember, a tough, quick-witted and fiery young woman, whose friendship with fun, sappy, go with the flow guy named Wade challenges her beliefs about the world they live in.

Join us for the Lunch Movie that will begin 11:45AM; please come early to place your order. Our Dinner showing will begin at 6PM; please come early for cocktails and to place your dinner order.

Friday, December 29th – Dinner & Dance

Join us as we close out 2023 with a special dinner and dance. Appetizers will begin at 6:15PM. After dinner, Three Good Men will be performing in the Living Room.

When making your reservations, please give **appetizer** and **entrée** choice for each person.



Appetizers

Salmon cakes with dill cucumber relish

Pesto Arancini with roasted pepper and tomato basil coulis

Zucchini Garlic Parmesan Fritter with dill and chive crème fraiche

Soup: Potato & Leek Bisque

Salad: Wedge Salad

(Wedge of Boston bib lettuce, bleu cheese crumbles, applewood smoked bacon, heirloom tomato, caramelized onion, and balsamic vinaigrette)

Entrees

Bacon Wrapped Beef Tenderloin Medallions

(2) 4-ounce center cut prime angus beef tenderloin, wrapped in applewood smoked bacon, and grilled to medium rare, served with garlic parmesan and chive fingerling potatoes, and grilled asparagus. \$75

Salmon Wellington

Fresh salmon wrapped with a wild mushroom and spinach duxelles, prosciutto and puff pastry, served with saffron rice pilaf and dill lemon beurre blanc. \$65

Lentil & Barley Stuffed Portobello

Lentils and barley mixed with herbs, garlic, cream cheese, parmesan, mozzarella stuffed into a portobello mushroom cap and baked, served on a sun-dried tomato orzo pasta pilaf, and arugula. \$55

Dessert: White Chocolate & Raspberry Crème Brulee & Champagne Toast

Hours for Christmas & New Year's Day



The University Club of Rockford will be closed from Monday, December 25th – Wednesday, December 27th. We will also be closed, Monday, January 1st – Wednesday, January 3rd.

End-of-Year Giving

You will receive a letter soon about the Scholarship program and the wonderful opportunities it puts within reach of deserving students in our community. Your generosity makes their dreams possible. If you would like to contribute to our scholarship trust, please contact our Office Manager Julie.

Thank You to our members who have donated their time, talents, and more to the Club this year! A special Thank You to all of our members who donate their time and talent for the Club's benefit. There are far too many of you to list, and that is a wonderful thing for your Club! THANK YOU!



Are you involved with a Card Club, Book Club, any Club? The **University Club of Rockford** is a great place for your Club to meet. Contact Kelly with any questions.

Bits & Pieces

Is there a local organization that you support? Would you like to **host a Guest Bartender night** at the U Club for that group? It's a fun way to raise awareness and funds for that organization. Contact Kelly for more information.

Remember, you can **enjoy all your U Club favorite meals as a carryout**. Ask your server for a menu to take home. Ask about the nightly specials when calling in your orders.

A gentle reminder, **reservations mean a better dining experience** for not only you, but all our members. Reservations allow us to be better prepared and staffed to serve your

dining requests. We appreciate your reservations, but, if you are on the go and drop in at the last minute, we are happy to welcome you.

Do you have a **menu item that you would like to enjoy?** Do you have **special dietary requirements?** Please let us know and we will do our best to meet your needs. Just contact Chef O with your requests.

Remember to **“like” us on Facebook** and **“follow” us on Instagram** to get updates on club happenings and lunch specials and to connect with fellow members. Find us at “U Club Rockford” on Facebook and “UClubRkfd” on Instagram.

Serving a group in your home or at your office? Let the U Club do the work for you. Contact Kelly for menu ideas and more information.

Club Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 11AM-2PM

Monday Night Dinner 5PM-8PM

Taste of Tuesday 5PM-8PM

Club will Close at 2PM on Wednesdays

Thursday Night Dinner 5PM-8PM, Remember Kids and Grandkids eat FREE from Kids' Menu with the purchase of a regularly priced entrée on Thursday nights.

Fabulous Friday Night Fish Fry 5PM-9PM